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PROCEEDINGS

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association convened with Lawyer's Springs Church, Anson county, North Carolina, in its one hundred and tenth annual session, beginning Friday, October 2, 1942, and continued through Saturday and Sunday.

After songs of praise services continued with prayer by Elder J. Harvey Daily of 109 Heard Avenue, Macon, Ga., followed with introductory discourse by Elder J. R. Wilson, pastor of Lawyer's Springs Church, from Ephesians 1:11-13.

After an hour for intermission, the Association met in the house, and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder B. A. Phillips, Route 3, Alpharetta, Georgia, Messengers and Brethren proceeded to business in the usual order:

Elder J. R. Wilson, Pastor of Lawyer's Springs Church, served as Moderator, and Brother H. M. Baucom, Clerk of the Church, acted as Clerk, who called Brethren Preston Helms as Assistant Clerk and Robert Horne as Reading Clerk.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from Sister Churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

Lawyer's Springs represented by whole church.

Bethel: Brother W. T. Bell.

From High Hill: Brethren C. R. Hill, M. C. Mills, Earl Pressley, S. H. Edwards and others.

From Watson: Brethren H. N. Curlee, F. O. Helms, E. V. Baucom, J. T. Simpson and others.

From Union: W. R. Coley, Brady Polk and others.

From Liberty Hill: Brethren Vance Hatley, Craven Furr, Ellis Lambert, John Harwood and others.

From Meadow Creek: Brethren R. M. Hatley, W. H. Hatley, D. M. Hathcock, N. D. Hathcock and others.

From Pleasant Grove: Brethren A. E. Broom, J. M. Taylor, J. M. Wiliams, Marshall Mullis and others.

From Mt. Creek: Brethren Virgil Solomon, J. E. Russell, Clyde Medlin, Ben Polk and others.

From High Point: Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren John Sharp, R. A. Strickland, Sr., H. L. Willard, Lemuel Morefield and others.

From Union Grove: Brethren Brice Baucom, Sanford Medlin, Jeff Taylor, Alonzo Griffin and others.

3 Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4 The Moderator, Elder J. R. Wilson, was authorized to appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren Robert Horne, H. M. Baucom, Cletus Marsh and Preston Helms.

Committee on Finance: Brethren R. A. Strickland, Sr., Lonnie

Thomas, Flann P. Helms and Sanford Medlin.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report. Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in September 1942, High Point Church formed a Presbytery composed of Elders V. V. Willard, C. M. Mills and J. P. Via and ordained Brother Andy King a deacon.

6. Invited messengers and visitors from Sister Associations and Churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek: Minutes.

From Dan River: Elders J. R. Wilson, J. D. Hopkins; Licentiate P. L. Craig; Brother Sam Walton and others.

From Little River of North Carolina: Elders J. T. Lewis, J. S. Stephenson and Brethren R. F. Smith and C. C. Hill and wife.

From South Arkansas: No intelligence.

From Sequachie Valley: Minutes.

From Mt. Zion: Minutes.

From Tennessee-Nolachucky: No intelligence.

From Little River of Georgia: Elder B. A. Phillips.

From Mud Creek: No intelligence.

From Highland of Kentucky: No intelligence.

From South West Texas: No intelligence.

From Lower Wetumpka: No intelligence.

From Echeconnee: Elder J. Harvey Daily and wife and Sister L. M. Vining.

From Spoons Creek Church: Elder J. P. Via.

Ministers and Brethren to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder C. M. Mills.

Dan River: Elders V. V. Willard, O. C. Mullis and T. L. Webb.

Sequachie Valley: Minutes.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Elder V. V. Willard.

Mt. Zion: Minutes.

South Arkansas: Minutes.

Little River of Georgia: Elders V. V. Willard and C. M. Mills.

7. Agreed to continue correspondence with all Churches and Associations with whom we now correspond.

8. On motion Elder T. L. Webb was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this Association.

9. On motion agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning, October 3rd, 10 o'clock A. M., E. W. time.

Benediction by Elder V. V. Willard of High Point, N. C.

SATURDAY A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met in the house at 10 o'clock A. M., E. W. time. After songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. S. Stephenson, of Route 2, Angier, N. C., proceeded to business as follows:

10. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent up by Churches and Congregations, $359.85. Report received and committee discharged.

11. Agreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual.

12. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

13. On motion, it was unanimously agreed that we hold the next Session of the Association with High Point church, beginning Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1943, and continue three days, and that the pastor of High Point Church preach the introductory sermon.

14. By motion, agreed that we have 1000 copies of this minute printed and distributed as usual, and that Brother Preston Helms superintend the printing and distributing same, and that we allow him $45 for his services and printing.

15. By motion, we agree all funds above $45 allowed for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to Ministers present.

16. By unanimous consent, the Association returns thanks to God for his mercy and the Brethren, Sisters, and friends of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

17. On motion the Association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder B. A. Phillips, Route 3, Alpharetta, Ga.

ELDER J. R. WILSON, Moderator,
Martinsville, Va.

H. M. BAUCOM, Clerk,
Peachland, N. C.

PRESTON HELMS, Assistant Clerk,
Route 2, Marshville, N. C.

ROBERT HORNE, Reading Clerk,
Peachland, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder J. R. Wilson, Ephesians 1:11-13.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder J. D. Hopkins, Matthew 11:28-30.
Elder J. P. Via, I Cor. 2:1-2.

SATURDAY A. M.

Licentiate P. L. Craig, St. John 5:40.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, St. John 1:15.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder B. A. Phillips, Ephesians 1:1-10.
Elder V. V. Willard, "In the Name of Jesus Get Up and Walk."
Elder C. M. Mills, Rom. 8:1-2.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder J. Harvey Daily, St. John 1:9.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Col. 3:1.

NOTE

We feel thankful for the blessings of the Lord granted us during this, the one hundred and tenth session of this Association. We were blessed with able ministers to preach the Word of Truth with the power and demonstration of the Spirit, ascribing all honor to Christ who said: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentence.

Two of God's little humble poor turned their backs on the world and came home to the church obeying his command, "Come unto me and I will give you rest.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Schoolfield, Va.
Elder J. T. Lewis, R-2, Angier, N. C.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, R-2, Angier, N. C.
Elder J. Harvey Daily, 109 Heard Ave., Macon, Ga.
Elder J. P. Via, Critz, Va.
Elder B. A. Phillips, R-3, Alpharetta, Ga.
Licentiate P. L. Craig, Martinsville, Va.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 109 West First Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.
Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.
Elder C. H. White, Wadesboro, N. C.
Elder S. F. Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Elder W. E. Benton, Sharlotte, S. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Handed in by churches and friends	$359.85
Allowed for printing and mailing minutes and clerk's fee	$ 45.00
Distributed to Ministers	$314.85
Total	$359.85

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the messengers, churches and all the brotherhood composing the Original Bear Creek Association, also our brethren from corresponding Associations.

Greeting Through the great mercies of our heavenly Father we have been blessed to meet again in an associated capacity. And we are thankful to say that sweet peace, love and fellowship still abounds in our midst and with the churches. All seem to be satisfied with the good old way and the sacred old principles which have characterized the true church all along the way, and which is expressed in the articles of faith of our minutes. Each minister that has preached has manifested true humility and love for the cause. We are thankful to have with us ministers from other states and associations whom we love and esteem highly and we pray God's blessings to continue with them and with us all throughout the meeting. We thank the Lord that our ministers love each other and are laboring together for peace and unity. Such great love and power of God's blessed spirit as is being manifested at this meeting in the preaching, in the singing, in the prayers and in the faithful labors of the brethren and sisters who are so freely caring for the association, makes us feel that God is still caring for the dear old church.

We wish to continue correspondence with our churches and associations who are with us in faith, and we sincerely welcome them and invite them to visit us.

We pray the Lord for a parting blessing at the close of this session and trust in His grace to be permitted to meet again one year from this time, and finally to meet in that great association of all saints where congregations will never break up.

In sacred love to all the saints.

T. L. WEBB.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgres-

sion in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing, as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2n. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec. by Exp. and Baptism	Received By Letter	Received By Relation	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C. Elder J. P. Via, Critz, Va.	M. L. Willard, Marble Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.	12	2					2	101	4	$ 33.50
Meadow Creek	Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C.	D. M. Hathcock, Stanfield, N. C.					2			39	1	$ 23.00
Watson	Elder C. M. Mills, 109 W. 1st St., Charlotte. N. C. Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.	Preston Helms, R-2, Marshville, N. C.		2			1		1	28	4	$ 16.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C. Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.	A. E. Broom, R-2, Marshville, N. C.	4	1		1			1	71	2	$ 45.65
High Hill	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.	Martin C. Mills, R-2, Monroe, N. C.	1					1		51	1	$ 37.95
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.	F. L. Baucom, R-3, Monroe, N. C.	3			3		1	2	90	2	$ 61.25
Mountain Creek	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.	J. E. Russell, Albemarle, N. C.								21	3	$18.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.	T. L. Medlin, Albemarle, N. C.	4		1				1	71	1	$ 37.50
Lawyer's Springs	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.	H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C.	8							78	1	$ 77.00
Union	Elder P. J. Washburn, Martinsville, Va.	W. R. Coley, 54 Woodrow Avenue, Belmont, N. C.							1	28	3	$ 5.00
Bethel	Elder W. E. Benton, Sharlotte, S. C.	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.					1		1	29	4	$ 5.00
		TOTALS	32	5	1	4	4	2	9	607		

Total Contributions by Churches and Friends $359.85

The one hundred and eleventh session will be held with High Point Church, High Point, N. C., beginning Friday before the fifth Sunday in August and continue three days.